

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Cao et al.

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FOR: Inhibition of Binding of Hox and Homeo-

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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents **BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT** Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PETITION OF EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, Applicants hereby elect without traverse group I (claims 1-5) for examination. Applicants further elect over-expression of Smad1 (claim 2), Hoxc-8 (claim 3) and osteopontin (claim 4) for examination.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action in the above-referenced patent application mailed December 3, 2002, be extended for one (1) month to and including February 3, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1185 in the total amount of \$55 for the petition fee and any additional fee that may be required. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account 07-1185.

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